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TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had committed for tourism development projects in India;

(b) if so, the details of the agreements has been signed in this regard during the last three years;

(c) the details of the tourism projects running with the assistance of UNDP at present, State-wise; and

(d) the quantum of funds spent and the funds to be allocated by the UNDP for these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The Government of India and the United Nations Development Programme have signed an agreement to prepare master plan for Integrated and Sustainable Development of Tourism in the State of Uttarakhand, Orissa and West Bengal in 2007-08. An amount of US$ 6,53,000 has been allocated for the same. So far two installments each equivalent to 25% of the total allocation has been utilized. Besides this, the United Nations Development Programme has also provided assistance under Government of India-United Nations Development Programme Endogenous Tourism Project for capacity building of local communities of 36 rural tourism sites. The details are at Annexure-I.